Rs. 200/- by the weaver. The scheme is to cover not only the weaver but his wife and two children. It covers all pre-existing and new diseases and there is a substantial provision for OPD. The annual limit per family is Rs. 15,000/-, out of which Rs. 7,500/- is for OPD.

(c) 3 lakh handloom weavers all over the country are proposed to be covered under the scheme during the year 2005-06. No State-wise targets have been fixed.

Employment in **handloom sector**

124. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase employment in rural areas in handloom sector;

(b) the basic facilities provided for handloom industry and funds allocated for the rural handloom industry, State-wise;

(c) whether the rural people are getting proper employment in the handloom industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Government of India has been assisting the handloom sector which is decentralized in nature to sustain employment through implementation of various developmental and welfare schemes.

(b) The Government of India has been implementing various schemes for the development of handloom sector in the country *viz.* Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers Welfare Scheme, Handloom Export Scheme, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, Health Insurance Scheme, Implementation of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act 1985. A Statement showing State-wise funds released during 2004-2005 is annexed (See below).

(c) and (d) The general thrust of the handloom sector schemes implemented by Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms is to provide support for product diversification, design and skill upgradation and market access to the handlooni weavers to augment their livelihood and increase their earnings and not for employment generation.

Statement

State-wise funds released during 2004-2005 Details of releases madeduring 2004-05 to various States under different Handloom Plan Schemes

Rs. in lakhs

SI. No.	Name of the State	Handloom Export Scheme 2004-05	Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) 2004-05	Marketing Promotion 2004-05	Bunkar Bima Yojana 2004-05	Work-shed-Cum-Housing Scheme 2004-05	Weavers Welfare Schemes Health Package Scheme 2004-05	Thrift Fund Scheme 2004-05	New insurance Scheme 2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	406.09	75.17	13.26	253.69	0.00	100.00	0.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	1.75	0.00	120.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Assam	15.00	0.00	107.29	0.85	137.67	208.52	0.00	0.00
4	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	0.00	11.20	2.41	0.00	5.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Delhi	0.00	100.00	15.00	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.26
7	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	22.00	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Haryana	13.50	4.58	51.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Himachal Pradesh	6.75	96.82	7.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	20.42	42.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

13 Karnataka	0.00	104.76	46.33	8.22	236.45	36.42	40.00	0.00
14 Kerala	6.73	594.10	17.27	0.36	52.93	17.16	17.98	0.00
15 Madhya Pradesh	0.00	40.19	17.25	0.00	3.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
16 Maharashtra	0.00	38.00	22.71	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17 Manipur	0.00	426.35	4.26	0.00	50.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
18 Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	3.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 Mizoram	0.00	7.76	19.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20 Nagaland	0.00	489.21	42.71	0.00	371.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
21 Orissa	20.25	123.36	80.52	2.15	24.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
22 Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23 Punjab	0.00	0.00	5.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24 Rajasthan	0.00	43.37	26.92	005	51.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26 Tamil Nadu	5.63	3375.20	28.34	19.02	172.29	100.07	278.41	0.00
27 Tripura	0.00	34.16	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
28 Uttar Pradesh	34.18	1283.83	48.56	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
29 Uttaranchal	0.00	53.49	8.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30 West Bengal	14.52	881.37	58.28	0.00	0.00	7.09	0.00	0.00
TOTAL:	116.56	8134.26	755.95	45.00	1500.00	369.26	436.39	2.87

Details of releases made during 2004-05 to various States under different Handloom Non-Plan Schemes

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Implementation of the HL (Reservation Articles for Production) Act 1985	MDA Scheme	Reimbursement of CENVAT	10% Special Rebate
		2004-05	2004-05	2004-05	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	26.12	227.77
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00	625.40
4	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
7	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Gujarat	19.19	75.78	0.00	13.33
9	Haryana	5.60	0.00	0.00	173.59
10	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.21,
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	16.48	0.00	95.59
12	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Karnataka	0.00	25.38	0.00	220.22
14	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00	731.58
15	Madhya Pradesh	7.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.05
20	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Orissa	0.00	172.50	0.00	243.65
22	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	, 13.49	0.00
23	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.23
24	Rajasthan	23.41	0.00	0.00	38.12
25	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26	Tamil Nadu	64.60	0.00	0.00	630.82

1 2	3	4	5	6
27 Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.13
28 Uttar Pradesh	0.00	262.12	0.00	394.31
29 Uttaranchal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30 West Bengal	0.00	34.43	0.00	303.63
TOTAL:	120.00	586.69	39.61	3826.63

Programmes for welfare of weavers

125. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a weaver-specific programme for the welfare of the weavers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by what date programme would be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. During the current financial year 2005-06, the Government of India has introduced the following new schemes for the welfare of handloom weavers:-

(i) Health Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers.

(ii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY).

The guidelines of the Health Insurance scheme were circulated to all State Governments/UTs on 9th August, 2005 and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) on 19th September, 2005 for its implementation.

Under the Health Insurance Scheme, the annual premium is Rs. 1,000/-per weaver out of which Rs. 800/- is to be contributed by Government of India and Rs. 200/- by the weaver. The scheme is to cover not only the weaver but his wife and two children. It covers all pre-existing and new diseases and there is a substantial provision for OPD. The annual limit per family is Rs. 15,000/-, out of which Rs. 7,500/-is for OPD.

Under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY), the total annual premium is Rs. 330/- per weaver, out of which Rs. 150/- is to be